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Art Unit	2871
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FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA			SMALL ENTITY	OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))					RATE		RATE
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	30	minus 20 =	*		FEE		FEE
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	5	minus 3 =	*				
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))							
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II (Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)							
AMENDMENT 1	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE		RATE
	Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	23	Minus	30	=		ADDITIONAL FEE
	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	4	Minus	5	=		ADDITIONAL FEE
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))						ADDITIONAL FEE
					TOTAL ADD'L FEE		TOTAL ADD'L FEE
AMENDMENT 2	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE		RATE
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	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	4	Minus	5	=		ADDITIONAL FEE
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))						ADDITIONAL FEE
					TOTAL ADD'L FEE		TOTAL ADD'L FEE
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	Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	*	Minus	**	=		ADDITIONAL FEE
	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	*	Minus	***	=		ADDITIONAL FEE
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))						ADDITIONAL FEE
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